Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of Monday, **June 10, 2002**Roseburg District Office
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon

Committee Members Present:

Bob Kinyon - Environmental Org., Chair Donald Ollivant - Environmental Org.

Leonard Schussel - Teacher

Maryjane Snocker - Environmental Org.

Mike Estes - Developed Recreation

Tom Van Epps - Energy & Mineral Dvlpmt.

Gary Schroeder - Commercial Timber Industry, Vice Chair

Judith Bacon - Elected Official Shirley Cairns - Public at Large

Janice Green - Dispersed Recreation

Committee Members Absent:

Clem Dewart - Historical Interests Ronald Breyne - School Official Mike Piehl - Commercial Recreation William Burnett - School Official Jeannie Weakley - Organized Labor

Public Introductions: N/A

Others Present:

Jake Winn - Project Manager Cary Osterhaus - District Manager, DFO Elaine Twigg Cornett - Facilitator Zane Cornett - Facilitator Jim Hallberg - Oregon BLM State Office Ben Hobbs - BLM Alternates Present:

N/A

Alternates Absent: Terry Westfall David Elder David Lorenz Sam Huff John Hope

Darrel Green - BLM Randy Lopez - BLM Pete Howe - BLM Ralph Klein - BLM Joe Ross – BLM Kevin Carson – BLM

WELCOME:

Chairman, Bob Kinyon, called the RAC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was met.

Chair Kinyon reported that OWEB has allocated \$330,000 which will match Title II funding for Cavitt Creek. Osterhaus reported the County Commissioners have approved 17 projects, and he has signed off on them. They are in process now. The County has made assignments for this year's Title II funds, of which \$1.9 million will go to Roseburg District (same amount as last year).

Green expressed a desire for Effectiveness Monitoring Studies.

Schussel provided information on the "Science Data" program from the Oregon Natural Resource Research Institute for high school students who are in need of training and equipment. BLM will provide protocols.

WORKING AGREEMENTS AND MEETING GUIDELINES:

The facilitators, Elaine Twigg Cornett and Zane Cornett reviewed the "Roseburg District BLM Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Guidelines" that were posted on the wall for everyone to see.

OVERVIEW OF NEW PROJECT LIST:

Winn provided an Overview of the New Projects List which includes new and past year's projects. All new applications are in the new binder.

Discussions:

- \$4.5 million proposed for 35 projects
- Winn generalized on the progress of projects, some being multi-year projects. He said that this fall as relative information and spending statements come out, members will be provided a quarterly updated priority list on projects.
- Asked where does money go that is generated from projects, Winn answered the U. S. Treasury. It does not come back to us.

BLM PRIORITIES (not in priority order):

Cavitt Creek (McKay Road)
Elk Creek Culvert Replacements (Upper Smith)
Suicide Creek Culvert Replacement
Lee Creek Culvert Replacements

Port Orford Cedar Project Upper Smith River Large Wood Placement Portuguese Broom Eradication

Discussion:

- Winn provided an overview of this year's projects. Winn reported the total is approximately \$2 million available for this year's funding.
- Kevin Carson spoke about control and strategies to prevent the spreading of Port Orford Cedar disease. He may put on a presentation at a later date.
- Snocker asked who is the Weed Board? It was explained that they are appointed volunteers by Commissioner. They provide direction and guidance.
- Snocker asked that the project book be made available at the Library. Jake said that it would be available at the Library and at the BLM front desk. BLM will also enter all projects on the website.
- Winn explained the District map and land use allocations. It is available for members. Handouts:
 - list of <u>Title III Projects</u> for funding by Douglas County for FY ending June 30, 2002 (they are required to notify us).
 - letter received from Douglas County Board of Commissioners approving proposed projects for funding by county Title II funds.
 - letter received from John Marshall, Road Program Manager, Roseburg Resources Co. concerning road rocking program.

OBJECTIVES FOR FIELD TRIP:

Winn covered flavor of diversity for field trips:

BLM "critical" projects (major road projects) Port Orford Cedar infected sites density management projects "Bad" culverts

Native Seed Collection reservoirs (water sources in County, how they are set up,

& where watersheds get their water)

Suggestion was made to be able to view projects before & after completion.

It was asked if missing members could be mailed the minutes and instructions for mailing lists in to the office.

Winn suggested that members plot out itineraries for review at next meeting.

Green would like an opportunity to talk and/or meet with other RAC members to see what they do? Winn said information is available on their websites.

Estes proposed a "self-guided tour". Something that is easy to get to. Winn agreed that if anyone would like to see a project in action, contact the engineers or call him. Driving directions, information, etc. may be included in next year's book.

Twigg Cornett & Cornett will not be going on the field trip.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 22 MEETING:

- Corrections to April 22, 2002, minutes:
 - add Zane & Elaine under "Others Present"
 - misspelled "past over" should be "passed over" (pg 5)
- Ollivant discussed the issue of mailing out the minutes. He also suggests mailing out a reminder to members of the next meeting date. Cary explained that ELynn (who is presently in Washington, D. C.) does the mailing. Her "to do's" should be redistributed. He also reported that State Director Elaine Zielinski is moving to Arizona to take the position of State Director. OR/WA's new State Director is Elaine Braun.
- Cornett & Twigg Cornett need to be added to the mailing list.

Chair "minutes approved".

DISTRIBUTE AND REVIEW NEW BINDER:

Winn handed out the new binders plus supplemental information. He will provide project maps. Need single page map for binders. Cary pointed out that these are specific maps and not for sale or for the public.

Cornett asked members to FAX or email their top seven priorities to Twigg Cornett by Friday, June 21st. At the June 24th meeting, facilitators will deliver a summary from information on lists. Chair will collect the information on what presentations members want to hear.

Twigg Cornett passed out business cards with their address & phone numbers:

Winn will get contact information added to the Roseburg District Website.

Cary may bring in a person at a later date to talk about Effectiveness Monitoring and how it effects the NWFP. Phil Hall may do an overview of different types of monitoring.

11:30 a.m. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Presentation Requests:

ONRRI Umpqua SWCD – (soil & water)
monitoring Douglas County Weed Board
Native Seed Collection Northwest Youth Corps
Riparian Vegetation Study

Ideas: flyers rather than presentations, 10 minute videos

Joe Ross (South River Supervisory Multi-Resource Specialist) invited members to attend the Northwest Youth Corps presentation on June 18th at the All Employee Meeting.

Van Epps, Osterhaus left at noon.

A suggestion was made by Joe Ross to use last names on all, including Cornett, Twigg Cornett, Osterhaus, and Winn in the minutes.

Reconvene at 1 p.m. Ben Hobbs replaced Osterhaus.

PRESENTATION ON RECREATION PROJECTS:

Gregg Morgan, District-wide Recreation Planner, gave an overview on the District Recreation Program, including:

Wild & Scenic Rivers, Off-road Recreation, Visual Resource Management; Interpretation - Special Use Permits; six campgrounds, Trails, Watchable Wildlife, Boat Launches, and 2 Byways. Two funding sources: 1- Pilot Peak Demo Proj., and 2 - T. S. Pipeline Restoration Fund.

statistics:

20 partnerships involved last year; \$205,000 at 19,000 hours of use; and 330,000 recreation visitors last year. Five campgrounds generate \$60,000 a year which goes back into rec sites. 25% comes back to District. Bureau-wide statistics are kept.

four projects:

- Millpond Pavilion Reconstruction state of decay. Needs better foundation, bigger posts. Construction set for next year. ~ \$250,000.
- Tioga Landslide on North Umpqua Trail 105' landslide. Safety hazard, needs to be rerouted. \sim \$12,000.
- North Bank Habitat Management Area to develop three day-use areas. Add single vault toilet and kiosk. Propose 6-8 vehicle parking areas. ~\$139,000.
- (a series of recreation brochures) 3rd part is the *North Umpqua Trail Brochure*, and 4th part is the *North Umpqua River Brochure*. (same format as *Thundering Waters*) ~ \$20,000. (handout to group)

STRATEGY FOR NEXT MEETING:

some presentations from list (try to keep to 1/2 day)
questions/answers
time restraints
need collective-group discussion
prioritization process/initial look at priority of projects (member's top 7)

dot-count process
options for field trip
spreadsheet available
decisions – if ready

Suggestion to use numerical listing. **No objections.** At least 7 in number.

Twigg Cornett & Cornett will translate 1 (top) to 7 (bottom) and give numerical score. Instructions should be included in letter Cornett is sending out.

Schussel proposed an effort to rank the nine primary categories listed and discuss their reasons & benefits to project areas. Not enough interest.

Outline for June 24th >

- 1 1/2 day of presentations
- 2 pre-prioritization process
- 3 initial round of (potential) decision-making
- 4 options for field trips north or south trip

Schroeder questioned implementing partial funding for Lee Creek Culverts? Winn explained 3 of 4 culverts could be funded. Don't have to fund all 4 culverts. Darrel Green said to consider the explanation in the application. Ollivant said that the #2 culvert may have altered stream structure for fish passage, so should consider doing all.

Schroeder asked about Cavitt Creek? Discussion followed regarding importance of working in this basin. Is it because it absolutely needs it or can funds be distributed to other projects? Winn said Little River Watershed is an Adaptive Management Area. We have been given direction to raise attention and try new things.

Regarding Bateman Lookout Road – Weyerhaeuser Company is selling the timber from the Millecoma Tree Farm to Superior Lumber, Glide Lumber, and others. There will be hauling by these companies for the next 15 years. Howe explained critical concern and safety issue. Asking for immediate solution.

Kevin Carson explained the purpose of the Port Orford Cedar project is to keep disease out of the area and for developing trees for future generations with some genetic resistance to disease. Roads we are obligated to keep open.

SUMMARIZE/ DEBRIEF:

Cornett asked the group to think about 1) time to devote to future meetings to review projects that have been approved & meeting exclusively for that? 2) overview of financial report? 3) categories – summarize monies? 4) review of projects? 5) approximate committee costs? & 6) accountability.

Funds spending in FY Oct 1st 2003 included:

- Winn \$8.2 million in PAC.

⊠ mail books

Lynn Koens

- \$50,000 set aside for RAC expenses. Rolled into future projects if not spent.

≥ meeting (6/24) reminder
presentations to Bob by 14th
☑ list of priorities 1 - 7 to Cornett by 6/21
Schussel "motion to adjourn." Schroeder – "seconded."
The next meeting will be June 24th, 2002, at 9 a.m. at the Roseburg BLM Office. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.